

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

*Subj.* 1. A wringer assembly adapted to be attached to the side of a mop bucket for wringing excess fluid from a mop, said wringer assembly comprising a housing forming an upwardly open well for receiving the mopping yarns of a mop, means for attaching said housing to a mop bucket such that said well is positioned over the interior of the mop bucket, means in said well for squeezing the yarns of the mop to wring excess fluid therefrom, and a support on said wringer assembly for receiving and supporting the handle of a mop when the mop handle is positioned thereagainst.

10 2. The wringer assembly of claim 1 wherein said support comprises a flange projecting from said wringer assembly at least partially overlying a mop bucket to which said wringer assembly is attached, and means on said flange for receiving and supporting the handle of a mop located in the mop bucket.

15 3. The wringer assembly of claim 2 wherein said support further includes a recess formed in said flange.

20 4. The wringer assembly of claim 3 wherein said recess is outwardly open and has contoured side edges for directing a mop handle being positioned in the recess into a supported upright orientation.

~~5.~~ In a mop bucket and wringer assembly, the improvement comprising a support for receiving and releasably holding the handle of a mop positioned in the mop bucket such that the mop is held in upright orientation.

5        6. The improvement of claim 5 wherein said support is attached to the wringer of the mop bucket and wringer assembly.

10      7. The improvement of claim 6 wherein said support comprises a flange projecting from said wringer and being formed with a recess sized and configured to receive and hold the handle of a mop positioned in the mop bucket.

15      8. The improvement of claim 7 wherein said mop handle is inserted into said recess in snap-fitting relation.

15      ~~9.~~ A method of supporting a mop having a handle and mopping yarns in an upright orientation within a mop bucket having a wringer assembly mounted thereto, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a mop handle support on the wringer assembly;

(b) resting the mopping yarns of the mop within the interior of the mop bucket; and

20      (c) moving the mop handle into engagement with the mop handle support on the wringer assembly to support the mop handle in an upright orientation.

10. The method of claim 9 and where in step (a), the mop handle support comprises a flange projecting from the wringer assembly, the flange including a forwardly open recess for receiving and supporting the mop handle.

5        11. The method of claim 9 and where in step (a), the mop handle support frictionally engages the mop handle.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the mop handle is inserted into the mop handle support in snap-fitting relation.

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